## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 0744A

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## **AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.